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THE IRRIGATION QUESTION

WHAT THE BOSTON POST THINKS OF
THE NEW WEST.

The following article from the Boston Post should be carefully perused by every man who is disposed to think that the West will not in the near future be a first class country to tie to. Under the head of "A Land of Promise," it says:

A north and south line, drawn through the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas and Texas, about half-way between the Atlantic and Pacific, divides the United States into two sections differing vastly as regards population and development. On the east of this line are 64,000,000 people, with surplus capital and resources largely developed; on the west, an equal extent of territory contains only about 4,000,000 people and offer vast undeveloped resources. At the east, the population has crowded into the cities and into the manufacturing towns; tenement house life has taken the place of home life for hundreds of thousands; health and morals suffer by the congestion. At the west, there is room enough for everybody, fresh air and land and places for homes.

How can these conditions be averaged? How can the congestion of the East be relieved by the abundance of the West? The opening of Oklahoma and the Cherokee strip demonstrated the fact that the American people are hungry for land.

The race for farms when the territory was thrown open became a fierce struggle between eager settlers. But with the settlement of the sections the agricultural lands of the public domain available for the people were practically exhausted; and of the 500,000,000 acres remaining, the greatest part is mineral, desert and swamp lands. It is, therefore, by reclaiming for agricultural purposes land which now is unadapted to that use, that the resources of the West for the relief of the crowded East can be made available. And in this work, irrigation is already playing a great part and is destined to yet play a more important one.

The promised land of the generation of American citizens now entering upon the stage is a land which the irrigation ditch makes to blossom. Their promised land is now a desert, as was the land to which Brigham Young led the persecuted followers of Joseph Smith. Utah was made an agricultural paradise; and millions of acres await a like development throughout the section which we now call Arid America.

This development has already begun. The importance of the enterprise was recognized in the passage by Congress of the measure known as the Carey bill last Summer. This law provides that each of States having large bodies of arid public lands may select tracts for reclamation, which the Secretary of the Interior shall then reserve for the purpose. The States must then cause them to be irrigated, and upon proof that the land has been reclaimed and settled in tracts not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, of which at least twenty acres shall be in actual cultivation, patents will be issued to "the State or its assigns." The States are permitted to adopt any plan they see fit within the above conditions. Under this law a total of 8,000,000 acres are open to immediate reclamation and settlement, or 1,000,000 acres in each of the following States: California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, Washington and Wyoming. Undoubtedly the law will soon apply also to Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.

Here is the possibility. It remains to induce the people of the crowded East to avail themselves of it, as the Mormons availed themselves of the foresight of Brigham Young. Ninety out of every hundred of the Mormon people have a proprietary interest in the soil today; and this interest has been created by irrigation, giving value to arid land and actually creating more than \$500,000,000 of property in the heart of the desert.

The new promised land invites immigration, colonization; and the national irrigation committee—the outcome of the irrigation congress at Denver last year—undertakes to show how this can be done, through its chairman, Mr. William E. Smythe. To colonize, conquer and reduce these lands, is a work in which the surplus energy of New England, now wasting itself in battling against hostile conditions in our large cities, may well expend itself. There is room to plant a new nation in the region now known as Arid America.

The Montana Legislature has passed a stringent anti-gambling bill.

NEVADA LEGISLATURE.

A Record of the Proceedings of the
Seventeenth Session.
THIRTY EIGHTH DAY.

THIRTY NINTH DAY.

Senate met at 11 A. M.
Gov. Sadler presiding.
Prayer by Rev. Nash.

GENERAL FILE.

Assembly Bill 71. Revenue for the support of the State government. Passed.

Committee on Internal Improvements reported favorably on Senate Bill 40.

Senate Bill 27. Act relative to issuing bonds for road purposes. Amended in the Assembly so as to read "gold coin" instead of "lawful money." Amendment adopted 8 to 5 and bill ordered engrossed.

Senate Bill 54. Maute. Act to regulate proceedings in courts of justice. Judiciary.

Maute gave notice that the Committee on Irrigation had organized.

Senate Bill 39. Mills moved to indefinitely postpone. Motion withdrawn. It was an act to amend the fish law and allow indiscriminate fishing the year round. It was vigorously opposed by Mills, who said it would destroy the fish industry of Nevada. The vote stood 7 to 7 and President Sadler cast the deciding vote. Comins moved to amend the title and call it "An act to destroy the fish industry of Nevada."

Summerfield moved to table motion. Vote stood 7 to 7. The Chair again voted with the friends of the bill and tabled motion.

Recess until 2.
There was considerable discussion after adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met at 3 o'clock.
Senate Bill 48. Act submitting certain questions to the voters of the Reno Election precinct in 1896.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 13. Relative to a Constitutional Convention. Temporarily tabled.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 11. Relative to a Constitutional Convention. Temporarily tabled.

Assembly Bill 80. Relative to attorneys and counsellors at law. Requires a license fee of \$10 for each person securing a certificate for practicing law, the same to go to the library fund. The former fee was \$25. Lost by a unanimous vote.

Senate Bill 40. Act relative to drawing juries. Passed.

Senate Bill 41. Act in relation to public roads. Passed.

Assembly Bill 78. Act relative to gaming licenses. Lost by a unanimous vote.

Assembly Bill 34. An act relative to public highways. Passed.

Senate Bill 31. Act limiting power of certain county officers. Passed.

Substitute for Senate Bill 6. Introduced by Judiciary Committee. Act relative to the District Court of the State of Nevada. Passed.

Senate Bill 19. Act preventing women from visiting saloons. Passed.

Senate went into the Committee of the Whole to consider Senate Bill 20.

Aid of the State Agricultural Society in holding annual fairs. Bill referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate Bill 51. Act to prevent malicious injury to church property. Bill ordered engrossed.

Adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

Convened at 11 A. M. Speaker Allen in the chair.

Roll call, all present.
Journal read and approved.

MESSAGES.

A message was received from the Governor stating that he had signed and deposited in the office of Secretary of State, A B 51, relative to the consolidation of certain township offices. Also A B 51, An Act to provide relief for L. F. Dunn, H. P. Flannery and James Hearty.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING.

A B 116 (Allen)—An Act to provide for the purchase of a portrait of ex-Governor Colcord. Referred to Com. on Ways and Means.

A B 117 (Gorman)—An Act for the relief of C. F. Murphy. Referred to Com. on Claims.

A B 118 (Denton)—An Act to provide revenue for the support of the Government of the State of Nevada. Referred to Com. on Judiciary.

S B 19 (Wise)—An Act to prohibit women from frequenting saloons. Returned to Senate for engrossment.

Sub for A B 16 (McCone)—An Act relative to the preservation of wild game and beaver and other. Referred to Com. on Agriculture.

S B 30 (Comins)—An Act concerning juries. Referred to Judiciary Com.

Sub for A B 43—An Act for the preservation of wild game and beaver and other. Referred to Judiciary Com.

GENERAL FILE.

Senate Sub for S B 25—An Act to refund the money donated to the State for Nevada's exhibit at the Mid-Winter Fair. Referred to Com. on the Whole.

Assembly resolved itself into a Com. of the Whole to consider Sub for S B 22. Com. rose and reported the bill back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass. Report adopted.

The bill then passed by the following vote: Ayes 29, nays 1, Hogan voting in the negative.

Francis introduced a resolution out of order allowing Dr. Hogan the use of the Assembly Chamber in which to deliver a lecture tomorrow night at 7:30. Carried.

Sub. for A B 39 (Gorman)—An Act in relation to the maintenance and supervision of Public Schools. Passed unanimously.

Recess till 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A B 89 by Coryell—An act amendatory of an act defining manner of electing County Commissioners. This bill makes the County Commissioners elected by all the votes in the county instead of by the people in the several districts. Bill was argued for nearly an hour by Gorman, Russell, McNaughton, Coryell, Beck, Speaker Allen, McDonald, Francis and Denton. The bill was passed by the following vote: Ayes, 25; nays, 5.

GENERAL FILE.

S B 35; relative to the maintenance of Public Schools. Bill passed 22 to 8.

A B 99; act relative to maintenance of Public Schools. Lost.

A B 111; act to prevent the spreading of contagious diseases and establish a Board of Health. The bill having no enacting clause it was referred to the Judiciary committee.

As. Con. Res. 11. Tabled.

As Con Res No 18. Relative to amending the Constitution of the State of Nevada making it treason to buy votes. Motion to indefinitely postpone. Beck rose to inquire what had become of his constitutional Convention Resolution. Allen thought it was in the committee. Denton said it was in the Senate, once lost and under reconsideration. Resolution to table lost. Motion to adjourn lost. Hogan held that the crime of treason was punishable by death, and he hoped the resolution would pass. Noel claimed that there was no such punishment for treason and existing laws completely covered the crime of vote buying. After considerable wind blew off on the crime of vote-buying the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

A B 94; act relative to revenue for the support of the Government. Passed.

Adjourned.

A Lively Night.

Savannah, Ga. Feb. 27.—It took the entire police force and eleven companies of militia last night to protect ex-Priest Slattery from a mob. He delivered a lecture here on "Catholicism" and a mob of between 3000 and 4000 gathered around the hall, breaking the windows with stones and threatening to kill the lecturer when he came out. The police and militia drove the crowd back and escorted Slattery and his wife to the hotel, which was strongly guarded all night.

This morning everything is quiet. There is no appearance of trouble. Slattery and his wife are both announced for a lecture tonight, however, and it is feared that the mob may again assemble.

Nellie McHenry.

Jolly Nellie McHenry, in her Circo-Comedy, "A Night at the Circus," a funny conglomeration of humor judiciously intermingled with pretty dances, catchy songs and original music, proves conclusively that the author has struck the popular fancy, and seems to know what the people want. Come to the Opera House Thursday 7th and see for yourself.

The Southern Pacific ferry boat at Port Costa broke a piston rod yesterday. The accident will lay the boat up for a month.

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